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18CY-CV12075

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

ARTHUR B. CLARK,)
Plaintiff,)
) Cause No.:
VS.)
) Division No.:
VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY,)
Serve: Registered Agent:)
C.T. Corporation System)
120 South Central Avenue) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Clayton, MO 63105)
AND,)
FENTON W. MILLER,)
Serve at:)
8335 Lowell Avenue # 1)
Overland Park, KS 66212)
)
Defendants.)

PETITION

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Arthur B. Clark, by and through his attorneys, Brown & Crouppen, P.C., and states as follows for his action against Veritiv Operating Company and Fenton W. Miller:

Preliminary Statement

- This action seeks compensatory damages for injuries suffered by plaintiff, Arthur
 B. Clark, on April 5, 2018.
- 2. Plaintiff suffered severe injuries when his vehicle, traveling westbound on 210 Highway, collided into a commercial vehicle that was attempting a left turn from southbound Pleasant Avenue onto eastbound 210 Highway and negligently failed to yield the right-of-way to Plaintiff. The commercial vehicle was being operated by Fenton W. Miller, an agent, servant

and/or employee of defendant Veritiv Operating Company.

- Defendant Veritiv Operating Company's principal place of business is in Atlanta,
 Georgia.
- 4. Defendant Fenton Miller is a resident of Johnson County, Kansas, and at all times alleged in this petition was acting as an agent, servant and/or employee of Defendant Veritiv Operating Company.
- 5. The incident out of which this action arose occurred in Clay County, State of Missouri.
- 6. At all times material hereto, 210 Highway is an open and public street, highway and thoroughfare generally running in an east and west direction located in Clay County, State of Missouri.

Parties

- 7. Plaintiff, Arthur B. Clark, (hereinafter Plaintiff) is a resident of Ray County, State of Missouri.
- 8. Defendant, Veritiv Operating Company (hereinafter VOC) is a foreign for-profit corporation incorporated in Delaware. It is a federally licensed motor carrier with the U.S. Department of Transportation, No. 310582, and has its principal place of business in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 9. Defendant Fenton Miller, (hereinafter Miller) is a citizen and resident of Johnson County, State of Kansas. At all times alleged in this petition, Defendant Miller was acting as an agent, servant and/or employee of Defendant VOC.

COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff, Arthur B. Clark, by and through his attorneys, Brown and Crouppen, P.C., states as follows for Count I of his Petition against Defendant Veritiv Operating Company:

- 10. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 9 of this Petition.
- 11. On April 5, 2018, Plaintiff was operating a motor vehicle westbound on 210 Highway at or near the intersection of Pleasant Avenue, in Clay County, Missouri, when defendant Miller, acting as an agent, servant and/or employee of defendant VOC attempted to make a left turn onto eastbound 210 Highway from southbound Pleasant Avenue, and negligently failed to yield the right-of-way to Plaintiff.
- 12. Defendant Miller's commercial vehicle drove into plaintiff's path of travel causing a collision between the two vehicles. This collision was the direct result of the negligence of defendant VOC acting through its employee, agent and/or servant individually or in combination, in one or more of the following respects:
 - a) Defendant VOC by and through its agent, servant and/or employee was inattentive to the roadway;
 - b) Defendant VOC by and through its agent, servant and/or employee carelessly and neglectfully failed to yield the right-of-way;
 - c) Defendant VOC by and through its agent, servant and/or employee carelessly and negligently failed to sound a warning of his approach, to slacken speed, swerve or stop before colliding with plaintiff's automobile;
 - d) Defendant VOC by and through its agent, servant and/or employee failed to control the commercial vehicle;
 - e) Defendant VOC by and through its agent, servant and/or employee carelessly and negligently operated his commercial vehicle at an excessive rate of speed under the circumstances then and there existing;
 - f) Defendant VOC failed to train Fenton Miller in the safe operation of the commercial vehicle it allowed him to operate;

- g) Defendant VOC failed to monitor the hours of service that Fenton Miller operated this commercial vehicle.
- h) Defendant VOC entrusted its driver to operate its commercial vehicle when it knew or should have known that he had an unsafe past while operating motor vehicles;
- i) Defendant VOC retained Fenton Miller as a driver when it knew or should have known of his unsafe past while operating motor vehicles;
- j) Defendant VOC hired Fenton Miller without performing an adequate investigation of his driving history.
- 13. As a direct result of the negligence of defendant VOC in one or more of these respects, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injuries and damages including fractures of the left arm and left leg, which have required surgery and extensive medical treatment; he has suffered great pain of the mind and body and will continue to suffer great pain of mind and body permanently; he has sought and received medical care and attention and will continue to receive medical care and attention; he has incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur medical expenses; he has suffered significant disability and will continue to suffer significant disability permanently; all to his damage.

WHEREFORE, Arthur B. Clark requests that a judgment be entered against Defendant Veritiv Operating Company on Count I of this Petition in an amount in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), plus costs.

COUNT II – NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff Arthur B. Clark, by and through his attorneys, Brown and Crouppen, P.C., states as follows for Count II of his Petition against Defendant Fenton W. Miller:

14. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 - 13 of this Petition.

- 15. Defendant Miller's commercial vehicle drove into the roadway in front of the Plaintiff's vehicle causing a collision between the two vehicles. This collision was the direct result of the negligence of Defendant Miller in one or more of the following respects:
 - a) Defendant Miller was inattentive to the roadway;
 - b) Defendant Miller carelessly and neglectfully failed to yield the right-of-way;
 - c) Defendant Miller carelessly and negligently failed to sound a warning of his approach, to slacken speed, swerve or stop before colliding with plaintiff's automobile;
 - d) Defendant Miller failed to control the commercial vehicle;
 - e) Defendant Miller carelessly and negligently operated his commercial vehicle at an excessive rate of speed under the circumstances then and there existing; and/or,
 - f) Defendant Miller failed to keep a careful lookout laterally and ahead.
- 16. As a direct result of the negligence of Defendant Miller in one or more of these respects, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injuries and damages including fractures of the left arm and left leg, which have required surgery and extensive medical treatment; he has suffered great pain of the mind and body and will continue to suffer great pain of mind and body permanently; he has sought and received medical care and attention and will continue to receive medical care and attention; he has incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur medical expenses; he has suffered significant disability and will continue to suffer significant disability permanently; all to his damage.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Arthur B. Clark requests that a judgment be entered against Defendant Fenton W. Miller on Count II of this Petition in an amount in excess Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), plus costs.

BROWN & CROUPPEN, P.C.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

ARTHUR B. CLARK,)
Plaintiff,))) Cause No.:
VS.))
VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY, Serve: Registered Agent: C.T. Corporation System 120 South Central Avenue Clayton, MO 63105) Division No.:))))) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)
AND,))
FENTON W. MILLER, Serve at: 8335 Lowell Avenue # 1 Overland Park, KS 66212))))
Defendants.))
MOTION FOR APPROVA OF PRIVATE PRO	
COMES NOW Petitioner/Plaintiff in the abor Approval/ Appointment of a Private Process Server, Court Rules, states to the Court as follows:	
The Petitioner/ Plaintiff requests that the following in process in this case:	ndividual be approved and appointed to serve
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Ron Gamm PPS18-	0190
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attachment, provided by me herewith.

<u>/s/</u>	Joseph R. Hillebrand	
Pe	titioner/ Plaintiff's Signature	
9	<u>ORDER</u>	
It is hereby ordered that Petitioner/Plaintiff's Motion for Approval and Appointment of a Private Process server is sustained and the above-named individual is hereby approved and appointed to serve process in the above captioned matter.		
DATE JU	DGE/CLERK	

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Defendants.)
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/s/ Joseph R. Hillebrand
Petitioner/ Plaintiff's Signature

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that Petitioner/Plaintiff's Motion for Approval and Appointment of a Private Process server is sustained and the above-named individual is hereby approved and appointed to serve process in the above captioned matter.

DECEMBER 3, 2018	BARB WILMOT
DATE	JUDGE/CLERK



IN THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division:		Case Number: 18CY-CV1	2075	
JANET SUTTON				
Plaintiff/Petitioner: ARTHUR B CLARK	VC	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorn JOSEPH ROBERT HILLEB BROWN & CROUPPEN 211 N BROADWAY STE 1 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102	BRAND	
Defendant/Respondent:	VS.	Court Address:		
VERITIV OPERATING C	OMPANY	11 S WATER		
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ARTHUR B CLARK		JOSEPH ROBERT HILLEBRAN		
		BROWN & CROUPPEN		
		211 N BROADWAY STE 1600		
	VS.	SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102		
Defendant/Respondent:		Court Address:		
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VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY, AND,)))
FENTON W. MILLER,	ý
Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM TO COURT CLERK

COMES NOW Plaintiff, and hereby files a copy of the return of service upon Defendant Fenton Miller III. Fenton Miller III was personally served at 8335 Lowell Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, his usual place of abode, on December 12, 2018.

BROWN & CROUPPEN, P.C.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Case: 1SCY-CV-12075	Court: 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT	County: CLAY, MO	job: 2892895
Plaintiff / Petitioner: ARTHUR 8. CLARK		Defendant / Respondent VERITIV OPERATING COMP.	ANY
Received by: RONGAMM		For: BROWN & CROUPPEN	
To be served upon: FENTON MILLER III			

I, Ron Gamm Jr., being duly sworn. depose and say: Iam over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. and that within the boundaries of the state where service was effected, Iwas authorized by law to make service of the documents and infonned said person of the contents herein.

Ihave served the attached documents by:

- _X_ delivering a copy of the service documents to the Defendant.
- ___leaving a copy of the service documents at the dwelling place or usual abode of the Defendant with the person identified below. who is a person over the age of 15 years.
- ____(for service on a corporation) delivering a copy of the service documents to the person identified below. documents could not be served due to the lack of contact with the subject.

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Recipient Name / Address: FENTON MILLER, 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212

Manner of Service: Personal/Individual, Dec 12.2018, 1:31 pm CST

Documents: SUMMONS INCIVIL CASE, PETITION (Received Dec5, 2018 at 11:11am CST)

Additional Comments:

- 1)Unsuccessful Attempt Dec 5, 2018,8:18 pm CST at 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212 KNOCKED ON THE FRONT DOOR BUT, NOBODY CAME TO ANSWER THE DOOR.
- 2) Unsuccessful Attempt: Dec 7, 2018, 9:26 pm CST at 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK. KS 66212 ARRIVED AT THE RESIDENCE, KNOCKED ON THE DOOR; HOWEVER. NO ONE CAME TO THE FRONT DOOR.
- 3) Unsuccessful Attempt: Dec 8, 2018. 3:59 pmCST at 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK. KS 66212 KNOCKED ON THE FRONT DOOR AND NO ONE CAME TO ANSWER THE FRONT DOOR.
- 4) Unsuccessful Attempt: Dec 10, 2018,4:09 pm CST at 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212 ARRIVED AT THE RESIDENCE, KNOCKED ON THE DOOR; HOWEVER, NO ONE CAME TO THE FRONT DOOR.
- 5) Successful Attempt: Dec 12, 2018, 131 pm CST at 8335 LOWELL AVE, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212 received by FENTON MILLER. Ethnicity: Caucasian; Gender: Male; Weight: 190; Height: 5'6"; Hair: White; Other: FENTON MILLER HAS A WHITE MUSTACHE. HE WAS WEARING A WHITE UNDERSHIRT, RED POLO AND BLACK SLACKS. FENTON MILLER WAS SERVED AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE RESIDENCE.

12-12-2018

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the of lion twho is personally known to me.

Notary Public

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Date Commission Expires



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Defendant/Respondent: VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY	Court Address: 11 S WATER	
Nature of Suit: CC Pers Injury-Vehicular	LIBERTY, MO 64068	(Date File Stamp)
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Summons in Civil Case The State of Missouri to: VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY Alias: % CT CORP SYSTEM 120 S CENTRAL AVE CLAYTON, MO 63105 COURT SEAL OF You are summoned to appear before this court and to file your pleading to the petition, a copy of which is attached, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon the attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner at the above address all within 30 days after receiving this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to file your pleading, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. BARB WILMOT 12/3/2018 Clerk CLAY COUNTY Further Information: Sheriff's or Server's Return Note to serving officer: Summons should be returned to the court within thirty days after the date of issue. I certify that I have served the above summons by: (check one) delivering a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition to the Defendant/Respondent. leaving a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition at the dwelling place or usual abode of the Defendant/Respondent with a person of the Defendant's/Respondent's family over the age of 15 y (for service on a corporation) delivering a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition to other CT CORP. (address) St. Louis County (County/City of St. Louis), MO, on (date) a (time). Signature of Sheriff or Server Must be sworn before a notary public if not served by an authorized officer: Subscribed and sworn to before me on (date). (Seal) My commission expires: Notary Public Sheriff's Fees Summons Non Est Sheriff's Deputy Salary Supplemental Surcharge Mileage miles @ \$. per mile) A copy of the summons and a copy of the petition must be served on each Defendant/Respondent. For methods of service on all classes of suits, see Supreme Court Rule 54.

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